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SUBJECT: R/V'S ROBERT D. CONRAD AND MOANA WAVE
CLEARANCE REQUEST, 12 OCT-21 NOV 1977

REF: (A) STATE 187713 (B) STATE 182150

1. EMBASSY IS SUBMITTING REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR SUBJECT RESEARCH VESSELS BASED ON PROJECT DESCRIPTION GIVEN IN REF. B. SHIP'S TRACKS HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED; WE WILL SUBMIT THEM TO FOREIGN MINISTRY WHEN THEY DO. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF PROGRESS WITHIN GOV OF CLEARANCE REQUEST.

2. INTER-AMERICAN GEODETIC SURVEY (IAGS) IS A COMPONENT OF THE DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY, AN AGENCY OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. IAGS MAINTAINS A SMALL OFFICE IN VENEZUELA, STAFFED BY US DOD PERSONNEL, WHICH WORKS CLOSELY WITH VENEZUELA'S NATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC OFFICE. IAGS HERE WAS ADVISED INFORMALLY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH PROGRAM BY GOV COUNTERPARTS, WHO HAD BEEN ASKED BY UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR SHORE BASED SEISMIC STATIONS (PARA 8 OF REF B), UNIVERSITY HAD PROVIDED NATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC OFFICE COPY OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ON THIS PROJECT. BASED ON OUR QUICK REVIEW OF

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THIS PROPOSAL, IT APPEARED THAT THE RESEARCH IN THE VENEZUELAN BASIN WOULD TAKE PLACE WELL EAST OF THE DISPUTED COLOMBIAN/VENEZUELAN BOUNDARY, AND THAT IT THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO REFER TO COLOMBIA IN OUR CLEARANCE REQUEST TO THE GOV. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT IAGS DID NOT RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE, BUT RATHER IN COORDINATING ITS INFORMATION REGARDING THE UNIVERSITY'S

REQUEST FOR SHORE BASE STATIONS WITH THE SHIP CLEARANCE
REQUEST BEING SUBMITTED BY ANOTHER SECTION OF THE EMBASSY,
APPEARED TO OFFER THE POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING AT LEAST ONE OF
THE ISSUES WHICH COULD DELAY THESE CLEARANCES.
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